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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOZ AND MIDEMA (MATADI MILL) ABLE COPE WITH SHIPPING AND RECEIVING PROBLEM. DURING THESE PAST FEW WEEKS ACTING ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE HAVE BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH GOZ AND MIDEMA OFFICIALS ON PROGRAM OF IMPORTS FOR BALANCE OF YEAR. THESE OFFICIALS WELL AWARE OF TIGHT SITUATION AND MILL NOW APPEARS TO HAVE REASONABLE PLAN FOR MEETING COMMITMENT.

2. SINCE WHEAT UNDER MARCH 14, 1973 AGREEMENT ONLY NEEDS TO BE SHIPPED BY JUNE 30 TH, MILL PLANS SCHEDULE ARRIVALS FOR JULY AND EARLY AUGUST. MIDEMA WILL UTILIZE AND STORE MOST WHEAT WITH REMAINDER BEING USED BY MINOKA (LUBUMBASHI MILL).

3. QUARTERLY PL-480 COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR 3 RD QUARTER OF FY'73 (ZR3008, TO BE POUCHED APRIL 17) SHOWS OFFICIALLY REPORTED IMPORTS AGAINST UMR REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST 3 QUARTERS AT 31,453 MT LEAVING 15,547 MT FOR FINAL QUARTER. SINCE COMPLIANCE REPORT ACTUALLY INCOMPLETE FOR MARCH IMPORTS, AGATT BELIEVES BALANCE TO BE EVEN LESS. INDEPENDENT SOURCE CITES 5,810 MT FLOUR FOR MARCH NOT YET REFLECTED IN OFFICIAL GOZ FIGURES.

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4. MIDEMA HAS PROGRAMMED PURCHASE OF 4 SHIPMENTS CCC CREDIT WHEAT FOR ARRIVAL IN FINAL QUARTER FY'73. ON FLOUR EQUIVALENT BASIS THIS WILL

TOTAL 14,285 MT IN ADDITION, UNOFFICIAL REPORTS INDICATE 7,000 TONS FLOUR MAY ARRIVE IN APRIL.

5. SINCE WHEAT FLOUR IMPORTS UNDER PARA 3 & 4 TOTAL 58,548 MT, IT APPEARS LIKELY THE GOZ WILL MEET ITS UMR FOR FY'73 AND WILL BE ABLE TO LOAD FY'73 PL-480 WHEAT BY JUNE 30 TH DEADLINE. THE GOZ IS IN PROCESS OF CLEARING INSTRUCTION TO THEIR EMBASSY REQUEST ISSUANCE OF WHEAT PA FOR FULL AMOUNT OF AGREEMENT.
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